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In re:

Applicant: MEROOTH
Serial No.: 10/031,631
Filed: November 7, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action, please amend
the application as follows:

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For: METHOD FOR COMPRESSING
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AND DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

February 11, 2002

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Simultaneously with filing of the above identified application,
please amend the same as follows:

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner:

Group:

Attorney Docket # 1826

Applicant(s) : MEROTH, A., ET AL

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UNCOMPRESSING DATA, AND DEVICE

SIMULTANEOUS AMENDMENT

November 7, 2001

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R S:

Simultaneously with filing of the above identified application
please amend the same as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel all claims without prejudice.

Substitute the claims attached hereto.

REMARKS:

This Amendment is submitted simultaneously with filing of the above identified
application.

With the present Amendment applicant has amended the claims so as to eliminate
their multiple dependency.

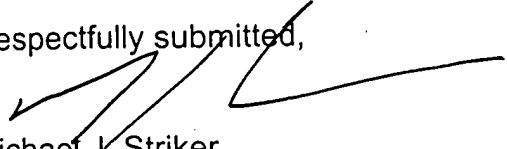
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Consideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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